

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application.


Claims 1-8 are now pending in this application, with Claim 1 being the sole independent claim. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled Claims 15 and 16. No new matter has been added.

Claims 15 and 16 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled to expedite prosecution of the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1-8 are allowed. Applicants submit those allowed claims are the only claims now pending. According, Applicants request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and a Notice of Allowance.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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